



## THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA COMMITTEE OF BAR EXAMINERS/OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS

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### ADMISSION TO PRACTICE LAW IN CALIFORNIA

Congratulations, you have satisfied the requirements for admission to practice law in California. The Committee of Bar Examiners of The State Bar of California (Committee) has obtained an order from the Supreme Court of California permitting you to take the attorney's oath of office on or after November 24, 2014. You may take the attorney's oath of office before a Judge, Justice or Clerk of a Court of Record, State Bar Board of Trustees Member, Commanding Officer if in the military service, the American Consul if in a foreign country, or anyone authorized to administer oaths. If you are currently residing outside of California, it is not necessary for you to return to California to take the attorney's oath; you may take the oath before any official authorized to administer them. For a list of those authorized to administer oaths, please refer to the "Authority to Administer Attorney's Oath" bulletin available online at <http://admissions.calbar.ca.gov>. Specific information regarding registration as an attorney with The State Bar of California, fees and a State Bar registration card are enclosed.

The Committee has made arrangements for admission ceremonies to be held in several cities. You may attend one of the admission ceremonies that will be held before the California Courts of Appeal at the times and locations indicated below. **Information regarding admission to the U.S. District Court can be found on pages 2 and 3.** You are not required to attend an admission ceremony to take the attorney's oath. You may take the oath before any of the officials noted above.

### LOCATIONS

Fresno	December 3, 2014, 3:00 p.m. Brad R. Hill Jury Assembly Room, 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor B.F. Sisk Courthouse Fresno Superior Court 1130 "O" Street Fresno, CA 93721	Riverside	December 4, 2014, 10:00 a.m. Riverside Superior Court Historic Courthouse Ceremonial Courtroom 4050 Main Street, Dept. 1 Riverside, CA 92501
Los Angeles	December 3, 2014, 10:00 a.m. The Pasadena Convention Center Ballroom C 300 East Green Street Pasadena, CA 91101	Sacramento	December 2, 2014, 10:00 a.m. Sheraton Grand Hotel Magnolia Room 1230 "J" Street Sacramento, CA 95814
Oakland	December 3, 2014, 10:30 a.m. Oakland Convention Center West Hall 1001 Broadway Street Oakland, CA 94607	San Diego	December 3, 2014, 10:00 a.m. Marriott Marquis San Diego Marina Marriott Hall 1-3 333 W. Harbor Drive San Diego, CA 92101
Orange County	December 2, 2014, 10:00 a.m. Sheraton Anaheim Hotel Kensington East/West 900 South Disneyland Drive Anaheim, CA 92802	Ventura	December 2, 2014, 4:00 p.m. Hall of Justice, Courtroom 22 800 South Victoria Avenue Ventura, CA 93009

Your bar examination results are valid for five years from the last day of administration of the examination you passed. Once you have been informed that you have fulfilled all the requirements for admission to practice law and you have been certified to the Supreme Court of California as eligible to practice law, it is not necessary to file any additional applications or reapplications, including moral character, during the period between the last date of the examination you passed and the expiration of five years from that date, before taking the attorney's oath. If, however, there is an incident that might affect the validity of your positive moral character determination, you must immediately notify the Committee.

After you have forwarded the completed membership enrollment card, which has the oath on the back, to the State Bar of California's Membership Records office, you are eligible to start practicing law.

### **CAUTION!**

Title 4, Division 1, Chapter 2, Rule 4.17 of the *Rules of the State Bar of California (Admissions Rules)* requires that you take the attorney's oath within five years after the last day of administration of the bar examination that you passed. Otherwise, you become ineligible for admission. If the time period expires, you will have to pass the California Bar Examination again and meet all other admission requirements, including having a current positive moral character determination on file, in order to be admitted.

### **CERTIFICATE OF ADMISSION**

Customized admission certificates are available to those who wish to order them. The certificate measures 11" x 14" on cream parchment and includes the gold Supreme Court seal. Your name and date of admission are lithographically impressed to match the certificate text. If ordered in 2014, the cost of the certificate is \$81.00. The cost of the certificate will increase to \$85.00, effective January 1, 2015. A standard certificate produced by the Supreme Court is also available at no cost. You will be able to order your certificate through the Future Lawyers tab on the State Bar's website approximately two weeks after your registration card has been received by the State Bar. Select the Examinations tab, then select Exam Results Information and Certificate of Admission to access the online Admission Certificate order form.

### **TRANSFER OF MBE SCORES TO OTHER JURISDICTIONS**

The National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE) will transfer your Multistate Bar Examination (MBE) score to admitting authorities in other jurisdictions. A form for facilitating the transfer can be accessed online through the NCBE's website at [www.ncbex.org](http://www.ncbex.org). In accordance with Chapter 5, Rule 4.62(B) of the *Admissions Rules*, applicants who pass the California Bar Examination **are not** entitled to receive their answers or to see their scores from the examination and they will be advised only whether their MBE score meets another jurisdiction's minimum requirement.

### **ADMISSION TO THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

#### **Northern District**

#### **Oakland:**

Immediately following the ceremony for admission to practice in the California courts, the United States District Court for the Northern District of California will convene for the purpose of admitting interested applicants to the bar of that Court. If you wish to be admitted to that Court at that time, you must take the District Court oath during the ceremony and pick up your validation card and instructions at the conclusion of the ceremony. Your District Court certificate will be mailed to you within several weeks following the ceremony. An Admission Packet may be downloaded from the internet. Please refer to the District Court's website at [www.cand.uscourts.gov](http://www.cand.uscourts.gov) for fee information and forms.

## **Eastern District**

### **Fresno:**

Immediately following the ceremony for admission to practice in the California courts, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California will convene for the purpose of admitting interested applicants to the bar of that Court.

### **Sacramento:**

The ceremony to be admitted into the United States District Court will be held at the United States District Courthouse, 501 "I" Street, Sacramento. Information regarding the exact time of this ceremony will be available at the ceremony for admission to practice in the California courts. Fee information and an Admission Packet may be downloaded from the Court's website at [www.caed.uscourts.gov](http://www.caed.uscourts.gov).

## **Central District**

### **Los Angeles/Orange County:**

Admission to the United States District Court for the Central District of California will take place during the ceremony. For information regarding admission to the Central District consult the Court's website at [www.cacd.uscourts.gov](http://www.cacd.uscourts.gov).

### **Ventura:**

Admission to the United States District Court for the Central District of California will not take place during the ceremony. For information regarding admission to the Central District, consult the Court's website at [www.cacd.uscourts.gov](http://www.cacd.uscourts.gov).

### **Riverside-San Bernardino:**

Admission to the United States District Court for the Central District of California will take place on December 4, 2014 at the United States District Court, 3470 Twelfth Street, Courtroom Three, Riverside, California. Admittees must arrive at the courthouse no later than 8:00 a.m.

## **ATTORNEYS CAN NOW APPLY ONLINE FOR ADMISSION TO THE BAR OF THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA:**

In addition to applying in person or by mail, attorneys can now submit their applications via the Court's website at [www.cacd.uscourts.gov](http://www.cacd.uscourts.gov), and pay the attorney admission fee by credit card via Pay.gov.

## **Southern District**

### **San Diego:**

Packages will be available at the Admission Ceremony for those wishing to be sworn into the United States District Court for the Southern District of California. Fee information, as well as the application and instructions, are available on the Court's website at [www.casd.uscourts.gov](http://www.casd.uscourts.gov).

### **Federal Court Telephone Numbers and Websites:**

Central District:	<a href="http://www.cacd.uscourts.gov">www.cacd.uscourts.gov</a>	Eastern District:	916-930-4000 <a href="http://www.caed.uscourts.gov">www.caed.uscourts.gov</a>
Northern District:	415-522-2000 <a href="http://www.cand.uscourts.gov">www.cand.uscourts.gov</a>	Southern District:	619-557-5600 <a href="http://www.casd.uscourts.gov">www.casd.uscourts.gov</a>

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE: YOU WILL NOT BE ENROLLED AS AN ATTORNEY UNTIL YOU HAVE TAKEN THE OATH AND YOUR COMPLETED STATE BAR REGISTRATION CARD IS RECEIVED BY THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA'S MEMBERSHIP RECORDS OFFICE.**